GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:7103
ANSWERED ON:11.05.2000
NATIONAL GALLERY OF MODERN ARTS IN BANGALORE
PUTTASWAMY GOWDA

Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal of opening a National Gallery of Modern Arts in Bangalore;

(b) if so, the details thereof and investment to be made for the above project;

(c) whether the site has been identified;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the date by which it is likely to be started?

Answer

MINISTER OF CULTURE [SHRI ANANTH KUMAR]

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b) to (e): The State Government of Karnataka has offered to provide `Manikyavelu Mansion` situated along Palace Road, Bangalore for setting up a branch of National Gallery of Modern Art (NGMA), at a token rent of rupee one per annum for a period of 30 years. The lease deed agreement is being entered into. The gallery can be started only after the vacant possession of the building is given and the Department takes up necessary renovation work at an approximate cost of Rs. 85 lakhs. During the current financial year, an amount of Rs. 25 lakhs has been earmarked for this purpose. The Chief Minister of Karnataka has again been requested to expedite handing over the vacant possession of the building.